

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 936

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Lauren Ellen Maness,
2002 Valedictorian of Union County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lauren Ellen Maness is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class of Union County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Maness has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Ms. Maness has earned numerous honors and awards, including the National English Merit Award, the National Science Merit Award, and the All-American Scholar Honors and inclusion on the National Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Ms. Maness possesses tremendous athletic ability; she has been a valuable player on her school's Basketball and Volleyball teams for all four years of her academic career at Union County High School; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among her peers; Ms. Maness is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Interact Club, the National Beta Club, the Science Club, the Foreign Language Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Future Homemakers of America and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Maness participates in numerous public service organizations and activities, including the Salvation Army Drive, the Angel Tree program, the Bowl-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis and the Back to School Packs program; she also visits area nursing homes and serves as a D.A.R.E. Role Model; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized by *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for her dedication to scholastic achievement and her commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Ellen Maness's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success in college and throughout life; she has received numerous scholarship offers, including the Academic Work Scholarships to Roane State Community College, Walters State Community College, and a Presidential Scholarship to Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maness's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Union County High School

Valedictorian, Lauren Ellen Maness, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.